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ESG Study Group Meeting at BNAPLEX 2003

We trust you have made your plans to attend this year's BNAPLEX 2003 convention in London, Ontario.

The Elizabethan II Study Group *will* be having a meeting as follows:

When: **Thursday Sep 25, 2003**
Time: **3:00–4:00**
Location: Room D of Edinburgh,
Hilton Hotel
Who: *everybody!*
Topic: Member's Show and Tell

Please bring along an item from your collection to either "show and tell" or ask a question of. This format has proven to be very popular here in Winnipeg with the local BNAPS members when we meet a few times a year.

I am looking forward to meeting any of our membership who are able to attend.*

2010 Winter Olympics

The 2010 Winter Olympics were awarded to Vancouver-Whistler, BC on July 2, 2003. Within **9 days** Canada Post had issued their first Olympic stamp for this event. See page 8 for full details of this interesting item.



2010 Winter Olympics
Vancouver-Whistler, BC
See page 8

Dues Reminder

A special thanks to all of those members who responded promptly with their dues renewal included with the previous issue of the *Corgi Times*.

At the time this issue went to the printer (July 30), there were only 14 members who have *not* yet returned their dues notice and money.

A red X here ____ indicates that this will be your **LAST** issue of *Corgi Times*. Please take a minute and send in your 2003/04 dues now.

Special thanks to those members who passed on a contribution or postage donation as part of their recent annual dues renewal:

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John Arn (US\$25)
D. Beaumont (C\$5)
Ross Christian (C\$5)
Steve Cruse (US\$3)
Robert Haslewood (C\$20)
John Hillmer (C\$65)
Bill McCann (C\$10)
Herbert Nishio (US\$13)
Vernon Richards (C\$10)

Postage donation:

Robert Anderson (C\$25.69)
D. Beaumont (US\$3.52)

The next issue of the *Corgi Times* will be delayed about one week from its usual mailing date.

Typically, the newsletter is put together during the last weekend of the month. However, that happens to be when I will be at BNAPLEX in London, Ontario!

Who are We?

We are the Elizabethan II Study Group under the auspices of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) — *The Society for Canadian Philately*.

Our journal, the *Corgi Times* is published 6 times a year.

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Canada Post News

Do we like more stamps being issued by Canada? Sure we do! Every new issue is a part of the Elizabethan era — right up our alley. Here is what Canada Post is up to these days...

Postal Rates to Rise

Canada Post has proposed postal rate increases for January 12, 2004:

Domestic Lettermail: to **49¢** (from current 48¢)

USA: to **80¢** (from current 65¢)

International: to **\$1.40** (from current \$1.25)

According to a Canada Post news release "Canada Post's proposed rates for a 30-gram letter to the USA and other International destinations compare favourably to the basic rates other countries charge to send mail to Canada. It costs \$2.37 from Great Britain, \$3.13 from Germany and \$1.49 from Australia to send a 30-gram letter to Canada. The cost to mail a 30-gram letter from the USA to Canada is \$1.16."

New rate-change stamps will be issued December 20, 2003 (see related story on page 5).

Almost a Postal Strike

On July 11, 2003, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) announced that a postal strike was planned for 12:01AM ET on Friday, July 18th. Key issues include job security, wages, workload, safety, and benefits. The union has been without a collective agreement since Oct 2002.

Significant talks between the two sides resulted in the deadline being extended to Monday the 21st, and again for another 24 hours to the 22nd. Early on Wednesday, July 23rd a "framework for agreement" was reached and 72 hours was given to finalize a deal.

On Sunday, July 27, Canada Post announced that a new tentative agreement (for four years) had been reached with CUPW.

Canada's last postal strike took place in Dec 1997. It lasted two weeks. ♣

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Study Group Business

New members

John P. Wynns (re-instated)

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Corgi Times Index

Just as this issue was being finished I received an e-mail from Arlene Sullivan. She has been preparing the *Corgi Times* index that appears annually. Her e-mail noted that she has taken on a full-time job and no longer has the time required to prepare the index. Do we have a volunteer to take over this important task?

ESG Finances

Our Treasurer, Eppe Bosch, reports that at the end of our 2002–2003 year we had US\$1,322.97 in the operating fund (checking account) and US\$3,358.97 in our reserve fund (CD gaining 2.03%). We are still very solvent! By the way, Eppe also informs me that needs to step down as Treasurer — do we have a volunteer for this position?

Editor's Desk

Vancouver 2010

By now you may have heard about the surprise stamp issued on July 11, 2003 for the awarding of the 2010 Winter Olympics to the Vancouver-Whistler, BC area.

This stamp has changed a quiet 'stamp' summer into quite a bit of excitement here in Winnipeg and across the country. It all started on July 2nd while I was watching the announcement of the awarding of the Olympics to Vancouver television. My first thought was that wouldn't it be neat if Canada Post issued a surprise stamp *at that moment*. Of course, that would be quite a secret to keep and would also be very difficult to stop an accidental release of stamps in the event that Vancouver was not awarded the Olympics (which, as it turned out, almost happened!). This type of stamp release would have rivaled the United States release of a stamp honouring John Glenn's first orbital flight into space immediately after he returned to earth back in 1962.

I was informed of the new stamp (from Rick Penko) on the afternoon of its release. A quick call to Antigonish revealed that the general staff were *not* aware of the new stamp! I placed a standing order, just in case the stamp became available to them at any moment. I quickly headed off to the main post office here in Winnipeg to see if they knew anything about it. They had a few booklets but were quickly sold out. On the way home I took the chance and dropped into a franchise outlet at a local *Shopper's Drugmart*. Lo and behold, they had two unopened packs (total of 50 booklets of 30) ready to be sold. A stop at another franchise in an *IGA* grocery store gave the same results: 50 more booklets that were going to be kept in the back while inventory was being done (I was able to buy booklets from both locations).

When I returned home I received another call from Charles Verge mentioning the new issue. I quickly produced scans of the stamp and booklets and posted the information on both my website and The RPSC website. If you frequent either of these sites then you may have seen the announcement on the day the stamps were released. Full details of this stamp are found on page 8. ♣

Quiz

How well do you look at the details in each stamp design?

Can you identify what Canadian Elizabethan stamps these details belong to? All share something in common — what is it (this could prove to be quite difficult for most of membership)? ♣



Canada Post 2003 Stamp Program

Issue dates are subject to change by Canada Post. Shaded entries are changed/new from the last time we presented this list.

Scott numbers as of July 2003 Scott Stamp Monthly

Issued	Description	Scott#
Jan 3	48¢ Year of the Ram \$1.25 Year of the Ram souvenir sheet	1969 1970
Jan	48¢ Flag over Canada Post Building (booklet of 30) <i>Reprint</i> with revised text on back cover (philatelic version)	
Jan 18	48¢ National Hockey League, 6 designs < pane of 6 (water activated) < booklet pane of 6 (self-adhesive)	1971a–f 1972a–f
Jan 28	48¢ Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec (150th anniversary) - booklet of 8 [two different barcodes on cover]	1973
Feb 4	\$1 Loon \$2 Polar Bear <i>Reprints</i> [delayed from Dec 13/02]	
Feb 21	John James Audubon < 4x48¢ (pane) < 65¢ Gyrfalcon (booklet panel of 6)	1979–82 1983
Mar 3	48¢ Canadian Rangers, military reservists	1984
Mar 19	48¢ University of Western Ontario (125th anniversary) - booklet of 8 [two different barcodes on cover]	1974
Mar 25	48¢ American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association of Canada	1985
Apr 4	48¢ St. Francis Xavier University (150th anniversary) - booklet of 8 [two different barcodes on cover]	1975
May 2	(48¢) Tulip envelopes: size 8 and size 10	
May	48¢ Stylized Maple Leaf, coil of 100 65¢ Traditional Trades, coil of 50 revised backing paper trimming at start and end of roll	
May 30	48¢ Volunteer Fire Fighters	
Jun 2	48¢ Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II	
Jun 6	48¢ Pedro da Silva	
Jun 12	65¢ and \$1.25 Tourist Attractions - booklets of 5 (USA and International rate) [two different barcodes on covers]	
Jun 20	48¢ University of Guelph's Macdonald Institute (100th anniversary) - booklet of 8 [two different barcodes on covers]	
Jul 11	48¢ Flag over Canada Post Building with "Vancouver/2010" inscription [available in booklet of 30 from local post offices; booklet of 10 only from Canada Post Philatelic Centre in Antigonish, NS] <i>Booklet Reprint</i>	
Jul 21	48¢ The Lutheran World Federation Tenth Assembly	
Jul 25	48¢ Korean War, 1950–1953	
Sep 4	48¢ University of Montréal (125th anniversary) - booklet of 8 [two different barcodes on covers]	
Sep 8	48¢ National Library — Authors (block of 4)	
Sep 10	48¢ World Road Cycling Championships	
Oct 1	Canadian Astronauts (set of 8 stamps)	
Oct 4	National Trees	
Oct 7	Jean-Paul Riopelle	
Nov 4	Christmas — Holiday Art	

2004 Stamp Program Announced

July turned out to have many surprises for Canadian stamp collectors. The announced Vancouver 2010 stamp booklet was one. The other was the announcement of the *full* stamp schedule for 2004. Usually we do not hear of even a partial schedule until September or October.

As noted on page 2 of this issue, postage rates will be rising in early January 2004. To allow for this, new rate-change definitives will appear in late December 2003, including a \$5 Moose stamp. Indications are that this will rival the \$8 Grizzly in terms of quality and design.

2004 Rate-change definitives

Dec 20/03

- 49¢ Flag over Edmonton
- 49¢ Maple Leaf
- 80¢ Maple Leaf
- \$1.40 Maple Leaf
- \$5.00 Moose

2004 Commemoratives

Jan 8

- 49¢ and \$1.40 Year of the Monkey

Jan 17

- 49¢ NHL All-Stars (six stamps)

Jan 30

- 49¢ A Hundred Years of Caring, Montréal Childrens Hospital

Jan 30

- 80¢ Tourist Attractions (five stamps, including one for the Carnaval de Québec)

Mar 5

- 49¢ University of Sherbrooke

Mar 16

- The Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, served as Canada's 24th Governor General

Mar 26

- 49¢ Army Cadets

Mar 31

- 49¢ Urban Transit and Light Rail

Apr 15

- John James Audubon (five stamps)

May 28

- Samuel Cunard and Sir Hugh Allen (pair?)

Jun 1

- \$1.40 Tourist Attractions (five stamps, including one for the Canadian National Exhibition)

Jun 26

- French settlement in North America (joint issue with France)

Sep 23

- Nobel prize winners in Chemistry: Drs. Michael Smith and Gerhard Herzberg

Oct 1

- Pets (four designs)

Oct

- Painter Jean-Paul Lemieux

Oct 25

- Canadian Victoria Cross winners (pair)

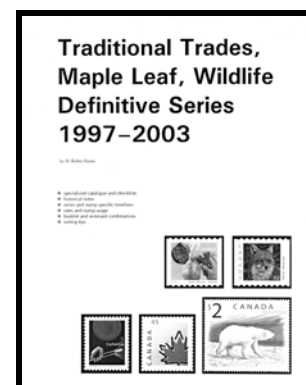
Nov

- Toronto Santa Claus parade (Christmas)

Current Definitives Book

Although *not* yet complete, if you are interested in a *draft* copy of my book *Traditional Trades, Maple Leaf, Wildlife Definitive Series 1997–2003*, I can bring some along with me to the BNAPEX 2003 show in London, Ontario. Please let me know *before September 10th* if you would like me to bring a copy along for you.

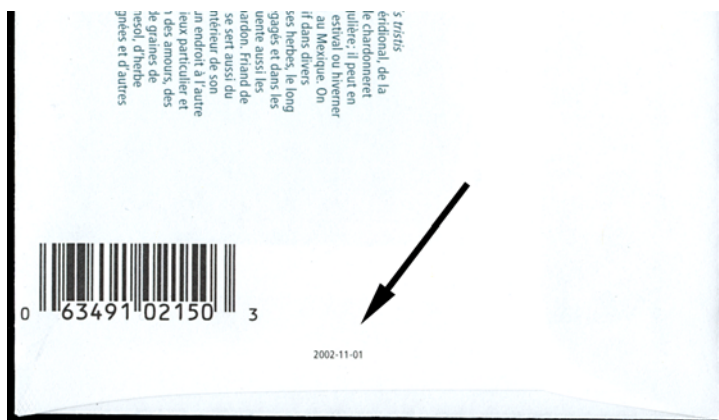
The book is in the same format as my previous books, profusely illustrated with as much information as is publically known recorded for each stamp. It is currently sitting at 70 pages. These draft copies are unbound. Cost: C\$15 each. If you are unable to attend BNAPEX and would like a copy, add \$4 for postage.



Bird Envelope Varieties, Part V

The 48¢ non-denominated Bird envelope, **size 8**, has been located with a 2002-11-01 date. This is the match that goes with the size 10 envelope that was reported on in the Nov-Dec 2002 *Corgi Times*. There are now *five* different types for each of the size 8 and size 10 Bird envelopes, as noted in the chart to the right.

Date code
none
2002-02-25
2002-04-04
April 2002
2002-11-01



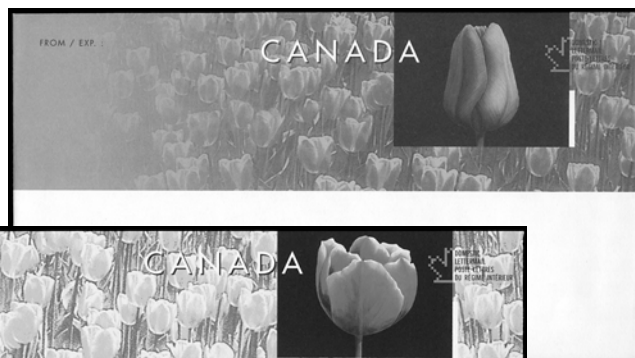
48¢ Bird, size 8 envelope with Nov 1/02 'printing' date

Tulip Envelopes

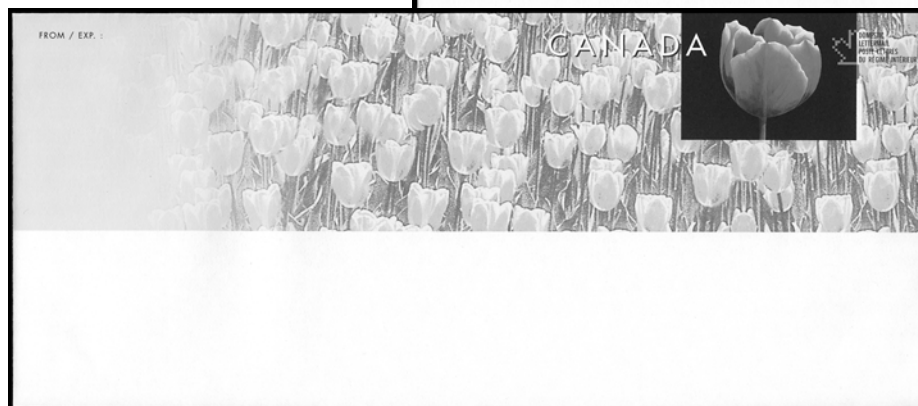
May 2, 2003 saw the release of two envelopes features two of the Tulip stamps issued in 2002. Both are non-denominated and valid for mailing to any Canadian address. There is *no* date code on the reverse side of the envelope.

The size 8 envelope has a purple band running across the upper half while the size 10 envelope has a yellow band.

Like the Bird envelopes, the Tulip envelopes have a self-adhesive flap. Unlike the Bird envelopes that are readily available at any post office, these envelopes are not stocked by the vast majority of post offices.



Size 8



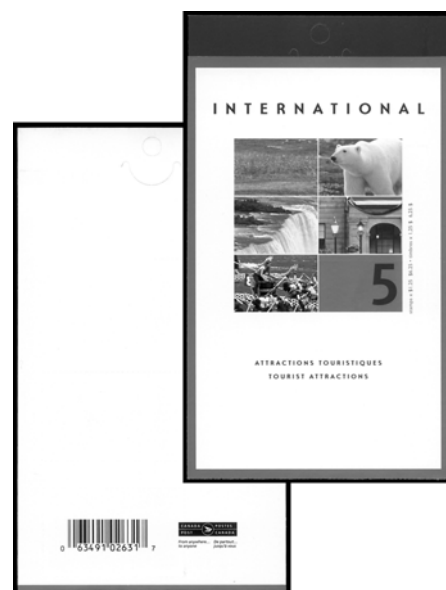
Size 10

Tourist Attractions Booklets

Did you notice that the back covers of this year's Tourist Attraction stamps have no advertising whatsoever? Only the barcode and Canada Post logo/slogan are found at the bottom of the back cover.

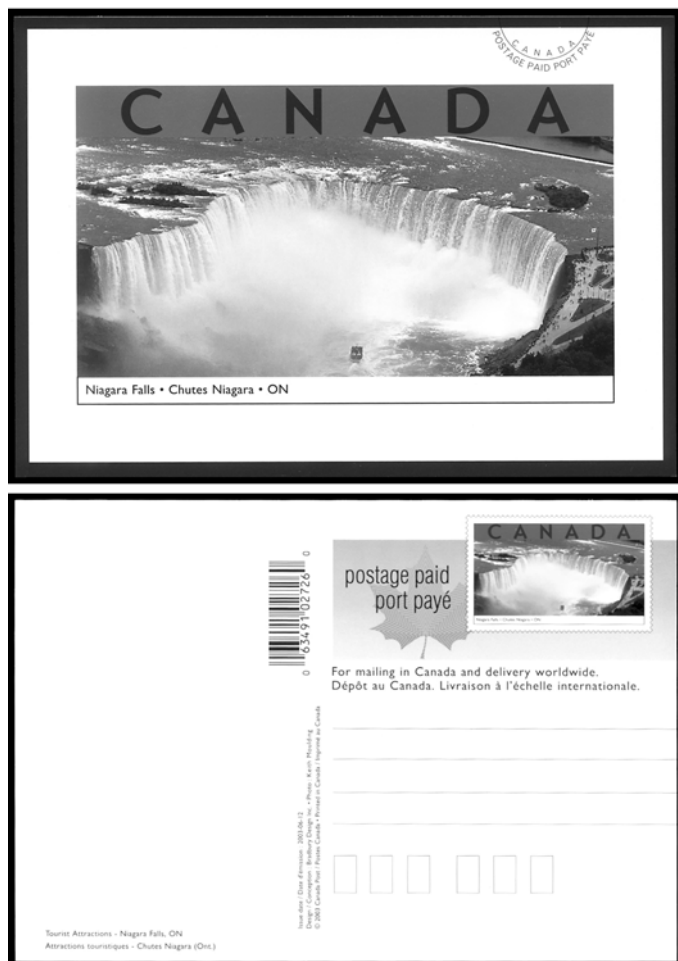
This is the first time that I can recall there being *no* advertising or some other form of information appearing on the back cover.

Illustrated at right is the front and back cover of the booklet containing the \$1.25 stamps.



Non-Denominated Postal Cards

2003 Tourist Stamps



Each of this year's Tourist Attractions stamps, first released June 12, 2003, are also available in non-denominated postal cards.

Individual cards sell for \$1.49. A set of all 10 cards can be had for \$12.90 (a savings of \$2).

Two pages of postal stationery! What gives?

How many of our membership collect stamps *and* stationery? I don't have the answer to that question but based on comments I have received in the past, not everybody.

I include these postal stationery items, particularly the items that contain designs featured on postage stamps, because I feel they are an integral part, and should be collected with, any postage stamp collection.

If I were to exhibit particular stamps, either a series or topical-related, I would certainly want to include any postally paid related items.

Canada Flag



Canada has issued several 'specialty' type postal cards in recent year, and this one won't be the last. However, it is one of the more 'expensive' ones.

The Canada Flag postal card is based on Canada Post's 1965 Canadian Flag stamp. This card is only available in the *Canada Can*, available in June 2003. The price — \$19.95. This will get you a cotton T-shirt, nylon flag, the postal card, and of course, the *stylish embossed canister*.



Vancouver 2010 Surprise Issue

by: Robin Harris

With contributions from Charles Verge, Rick Penko, Andrew Chung

On July 11, 2003, nine days after Canada was awarded the 21st Winter Olympic Games of 2010, Canada Post issued a stamp to celebrate this major event. The stamp is the commonly used 48¢ Flag over Canada Post Building definitive, first issued January 2, 2002 in booklets of 10 (or 30 depending on how you purchase the stamps).

A special reprint was requested that contained an added inscription, in red print in the lower right corner of the stamp (and the lower left corner on the front cover of the booklet), reading “Vancouver/2010”. To ensure that the stamps would be available in a timely fashion, Canada Post ‘overprinted’ its current 48¢ definitive flag stamp that is available in booklet format.



Although this appears to be an overprint, *it is not*. An overprint is something that is added to already printed stamps that go through the printing press again to receive the overprint. In this case, the timing was perfect as Canada Post was ordering a new printing of the self-adhesive booklet of 30 stamps. Instead of the normal overprinting process, staff at Canada Post inserted the red inscription “Vancouver/2010” directly onto the printing plate to produce the new stamps.

A memorandum that accompanied the booklets was addressed to “all post offices in British Columbia and selected major post offices across the country”. It read “Your outlet has been selected to receive an automatic allocation of the definitive flag stamps, available in a booklet of 10 or 30 stamps. The stamps and booklet cover are over-printed with ‘Vancouver 2010’. This product is not available for reorder, as they are a limited quantity intended to commemorate the communities of Vancouver and Whistler being selected to host the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympic Games”.

Sixty percent of the printing of the 100,000 “Vancouver/2010” 30-stamp booklets has been distributed to British Columbia post offices and the remainder to major post offices throughout Canada. Seven thousand booklets of 10 stamps have been made available to collectors through Canada Post’s National Philatelic Centre. No *official* Canada Post First Day Cover was prepared. I know of at least three collectors who prepared first day covers on their own — I’m sure there are others but the quantities could prove to be quite low.



Vancouver/2010 Booklet of 30

Inscription at lower left of each panel of booklet of 10.

I was made aware of this new stamp on the afternoon of its release from both Rick Penko and Charles Verge. Most of the ‘major’ post offices in Winnipeg (such as the Main post office, Corporate outlets, and several franchises located in *Shoppers Drug Mart* and *IGA* grocery stores) each received two or three bundles of 25 booklets of 30. That is, about 50 or 75 booklets of 30 at each location. I have heard the most post offices in BC received at least 150 booklets of 30 each.

'Vancouver' Booklet Distribution		
Location	Bklt of 10	Bklt of 30
British Columbia	180,000	60,000
Antigonish	7,000	2,333⅓
Rest of Canada	113,000	37,666⅔
Totals:	300,000	100,000
Bold numbers indicate type of booklet available in that region. Other numbers are equivalent values for comparison purposes. For example, Antigonish only sold 7,000 booklets of 10 — this is equivalent to 2,333⅓ booklets of 30.		

™Packaging Label

We have listed and illustrated the packaging labels that are placed in the shrink-wrapped bundles of Flag booklets in the past. This "Vancouver/2010" booklet has one as well — but it is "special". Notice that the packaging date is July 9th, just two days before the stamps were released to the public.

As we have noted in the past, Canada Post considers these as booklets of 10. This is confirmed by a barcode on each of the three panels on the back of the booklet cover *and* by the packaging label which indicates that 75 booklets of 10 (ie. 25 booklets of 30) are included in the bundle.



Vancouver "Olympic Special" Packaging Label
Image at full size.

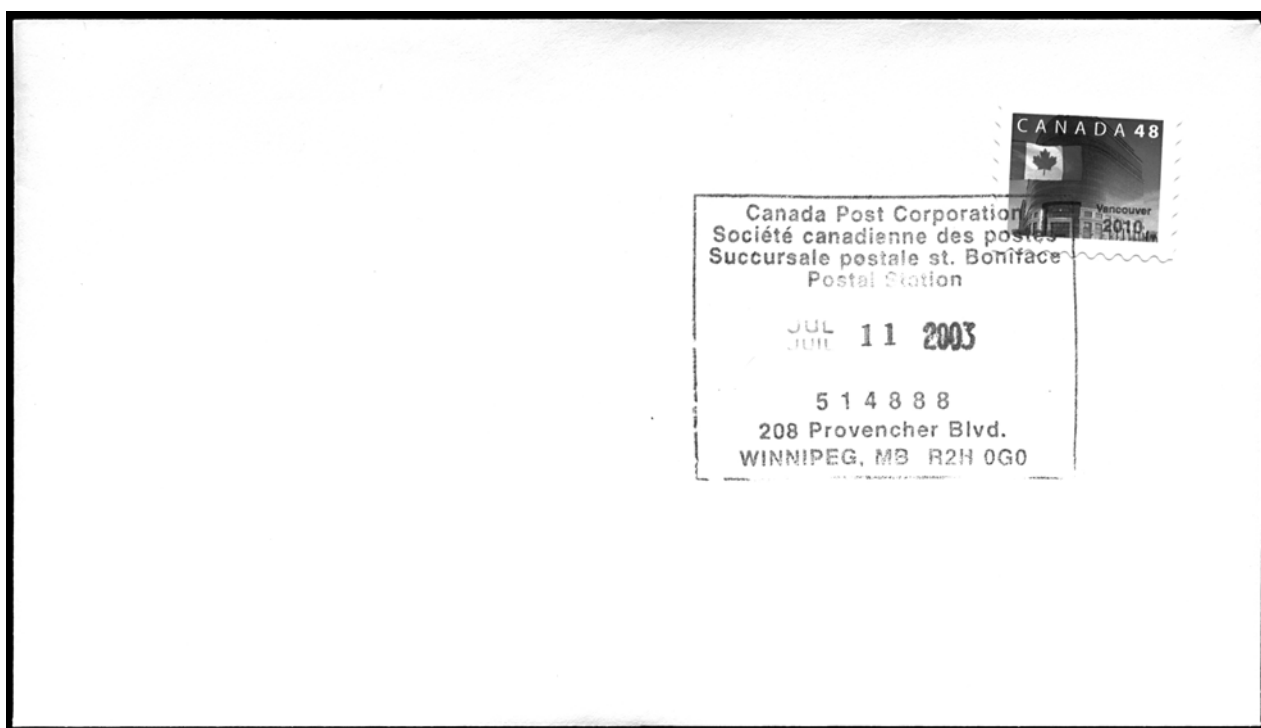


Back cover (bklt of 10)

™First Day Covers

Canada Post did *not* produce any official First Day Covers of this issue. Typically, about 10,000 FDCs are prepared by Canada Post for new stamp issues.

As of this writing (late July), I am aware of about 100 First Day Covers prepared by four collectors. Will that be enough to satisfy the demand of collectors? Time will tell.



First day cover prepared in Winnipeg by Robin Harris

™e-Bay

Within a couple of days of the release of this "Vancouver" stamp, items were up for auction on the e-Bay internet auction site. Early bidding suggests that the stamps will sell for a small premium above face. As more collectors become aware of this item, the prices may rise.

It is easy to tell that these early submitters of material were lacking some of the information related to these stamps. Some of the lot descriptions suggest that "quantities are unknown". One lot even quotes an article in the *Vancouver Sun* newspaper that "This stamp isn't brand new. Instead, Canada Post used a standard stamp already in circulation,

overprinting it with Vancouver 2010. 'It's unusual for Canada Post to do that', said Brian Grant Duff, who's operated the Bay Coin and Stamp for 20 years. 'It's rarely done'. Canada Post's communications manager agrees. 'I've been here for eight years and this is the first one I know of', Taylor said".

Adhesive

All of the "Vancouver/2010" booklets are sealed, or *field stock*. This is confirmed by the barcode on the back cover. It is consistent with the field stock barcode used on the earlier printings. Of interest though is the adhesive used to seal the booklet. This adhesive is more of a "rubber cement" type, wherein it can be rubbed off the booklet without causing any damage to the underlying cover. This type of adhesive began to show up on Flag booklets in March of this year.

Die Cutting

A close examination of the stamp die cutting for the "Vancouver/2010" stamps reveals that it is slightly different than previous 48¢ Flag stamps. If you look closely at the corners of the stamp, the die cutting on the Vancouver stamps appears more square. Previous issues had a more rounded appearance. Of course this is not an important identifying factor when the 'overprint' is taken into account. Do other 'regular' 48¢ Flag stamps exhibit this form of die cutting?



Note the die cutting at the four corners; the Vancouver stamp has square corners as opposed to round on previous printings.

As an aside, reports from down east suggest that the centering of this issue is poor — very well centered stamps may prove to be elusive.

Constant Plate Variety

While looking through some of the booklets that I had purchased, I came across a small, but constant plate variety.

The top right stamp in a booklet of 30 (ie. the top stamp in the right hand booklet of 10) has a constant plate variety consisting of a small red dot just to the right of the stamp design next to the Vancouver/2010 text inscription.

This variety is relatively small but because of its colour (red) and location (on the white unprinted area of the stamp), it is quite noticeable without the aid of a magnifying glass. In some ways it resembles a guide dot, but of course it is not.

Conversations with other collectors confirms that this variety occurs on every second booklet of 30 (ie. 1 in 60 stamps). ♣



Constant plate variety: red dot.

July 15, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CANADA POST SUPPORTS VANCOUVER 2010 BID WITH LIMITED-EDITION FLAG STAMP

OTTAWA – Canada Post today announced plans to show its support for the winning Vancouver 2010 bid with the issuance of a special flag stamp. A total of three million definitive flag stamps, available in booklets of 30, have been over-printed with "Vancouver 2010".

"Canada Post is proud to have supported Vancouver's winning bid", said the Honourable Steven W. Mahoney, Secretary of State responsible for Canada Post. "The organizing committee did a tremendous job in securing these games, and these stamps are a philatelic tribute to their efforts. We congratulate the Vancouver-Whistler 2010 team and look forward to working closely with everyone to ensure that an array of philatelic products will be available to Games enthusiasts and collectors in Canada and around the world."

The stamps are available at major post offices across the country. Customers can also order online by following the links at Canada Post's Web site www.canadapost.ca, or by mail order from the National Philatelic Centre. From Canada and the USA call toll-free: 1-800-565-4362 and from other countries call: (902) 863-6550. Stamp information may also be found in the Newsroom section of Canada Post's Web site.

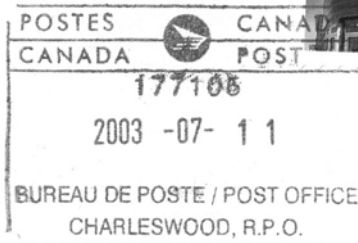
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For further information contact:
Cindy Daoust
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Canada Post Press Release for Vancouver/2010 Flag stamp

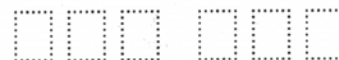


Day of Issue
Jour d'émission



Another "Vancouver" First day cover prepared in Winnipeg

Courtesy Rick Penko



Another "Vancouver" First day cover prepared in Hamilton (size 10)

Courtesy Andrew Chung

New Start/End Strips on Current Coils

by: Robin Harris

The current group of coil stamps are beginning to show up with a *third* style of start/end backing paper cutting. So far the 48¢ Stylized Maple Leaf coil and 65¢ Traditional Trades coil have this new feature. It is very likely that the 77¢ and \$1.25 Trades coil also, or will also, show this.

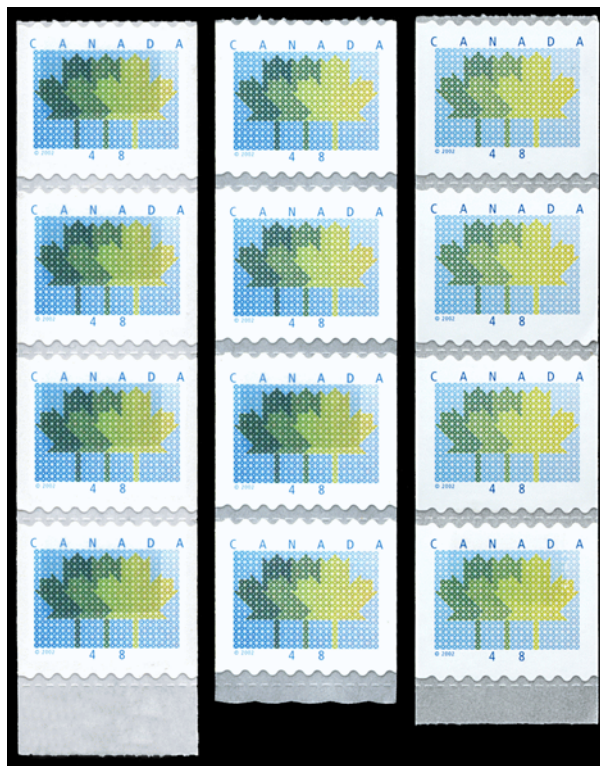
The 48¢ Stylized Maple Leaf coil has a *third* style of start/end backing paper cutting.

The original release of these stamps, on Jan 2, 2002, had a 10mm starter strip of backing paper that was rouletted in the same manner as the rouletting between individual stamps. This extra 'tab' is identical to the gutters found every 25 stamps along the roll. The end of the roll had *no* extra tab — the roll simply ends with a stamp.

Shortly after the stamps were released, in Feb 2002, a new style of cut was introduced at the start and end of the roll on the backing paper. A "wavy" cut, consisting of about 5 peaks and 4½ valleys was applied near the middle of a 10mm gutter. A start, *and* end, tab exists on these rolls.

In May 2003 a modified cut at the start and end was found. The backing paper now has a *straight* cut through the middle of a gutter. As with the previous printing, both the start and end of the roll exists with this type of cut.

Start and end strips are typically collected as strips of 4 stamps, as illustrated to the right. ♣



48¢ Maple Leaf Coil starter strips of 4 showing backing paper differences:

Left: original printing with rouletted tear on tab
Middle: second printing: tab with wavy cut
Right: third printing: tab with straight cut



65¢ Traditional Trades Coil backing paper differences at end of roll:

Left: original printing with rouletted tear (no tab)
Middle: second printing: tab with wavy cut
Right: third printing: tab with straight cut

BNAPEX 2003 Macdonald Overprints

This year's BNAPEX 2003, running from September 25–27, is raising funds with overprinted 1¢ Macdonald precancel stamps — just like previous shows that we have reported on in the past. Two overprints have been produced for each of the three days: a normal and an invert.



Paper Varieties of High-Value Karsh-Wilding Definitives: Checklist

by: Robert J. Elias

The eight high-value Karsh-Wilding definitives were introduced between 1952 and 1956 and replaced between 1956 and 1967: 7¢ Canada Goose, 10¢ Inuk & Kayak, 15¢ Gannet, 20¢ Forestry Products, 20¢ Pulp & Paper Industry, 25¢ Chemical Industry, 50¢ Textile Industry, and \$1 Totem Pole [1]. Printing was done by Canadian Bank Note Company Limited on paper manufactured by E.B. Eddy Company Limited [2]. All of these definitives were printed on large sheets from which individual post-office panes were cut. Except for the 15¢ and 25¢, they were also issued in the overprinted official format.



Two aspects of paper, its texture and fluorescence, are of fundamental importance in the classification and study of these stamps. I previously documented five textural types: nonribbed, horizontally ribbed front, horizontally ribbed back, vertically ribbed front, and vertically ribbed back [3]. The paper may be nonfluorescent, or may exhibit flecked fluorescence. I identified the level of fluorescence of these stamps using “fluoreSCALE,” a classification of flecked paper [4].

During my studies of high-value Karsh-Wilding definitives, I have examined thousands of used stamps (free of gum) from various sources. Cancellations on some stamps indicate that the material originated from across Canada and spanned the entire time range of each issue. Every paper variety that I have observed is marked by an “X” in the following checklist:

Differences in the occurrence of paper varieties among the denominations and formats are readily apparent in this checklist. Note that all fluorescent varieties were found to have ribbing on the back of the stamp, as is also the case for low-value Wilding definitives [5]. This is the first report of flecked fluorescence for stamps from 7¢ and \$1 post-office panes, and from horizontally ribbed 20¢ Pulp & Paper Industry post-office panes. It is also the first report of flecked fluorescence for an official high-value Karsh-Wilding, the 10¢ “G” overprint.

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Format	Paper Variety*	7¢ Canada Goose	10¢ Inuk & Kayak	15¢ Gannet	20¢ Forestry Products	20¢ Pulp & Paper Industry	25¢ Chemical Industry	50¢ Textile Industry	\$1 Totem Pole
post-office panes	NR, NF	X	—	X	X	—	—	—	X
	HRf, NF	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	HRb, NF	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	HRb, vIF	X	X	X	—	X	X	X	X
	HRb, hF	—	—	—	—	—	—	X	—
	VRf, NF	—	—	X	—	—	—	—	—
	VRb, NF	—	—	X	—	X	—	—	—
	VRb, vIF	—	—	X	—	X	—	—	—
official (“G”)	NR, NF	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	X
	HRf, NF	X	X	—	X	X	—	X	X
	HRb, NF	—	X	—	X	X	—	X	X
	HRb, vIF	—	X	—	—	—	—	—	—
(“flying G”)	HRb, NF	—	X	—	—	X	—	X	—
* texture:		NR = nonribbed HRf = horizontally ribbed front HRb = horizontally ribbed back VRf = vertically ribbed front VRb = vertically ribbed back							
fluorescence:		NF = nonfluorescent vIF = very low flecked fluorescence hF = high flecked fluorescence							

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Unusual Error in Hockey Stamp Card

By: Paul Tissington

Errors in stamp printing are common, so it should come as no surprise that an error has been discovered in one of Canada Post's newest products — the hockey all-star stamp cards.

First, look at the top card, Guy Lafleur, a colour action photo of Guy is on the right and the stamp showing his image (Scott #1935b) is at the left. Correct. Then look at the middle card, a black and white photo of Howie Morenz is printed on the right side and the stamp with his image (Scott #1935c) is at the left. Correct. Now look at the bottom card, with the colour photo of Lafleur on the right side and on the left side is the stamp image of.....oops!..... it's Morenz!

At a quick glance the two stamp images look similar because of the distinctive Montreal Canadiens uniforms worn by both players. But there are obvious differences such as Morenz being and looking older and holding his stick as a left-handed shooter while Lafleur is a right-handed shot. And the blue half-circle beside the image is on the right, when looking at the Lafleur card, and on the left when looking at the Morenz card.

But someone, presumably during the production process, didn't take more than a 'quick glance' when matching the Morenz stamp with the Lafleur card prior to the lamination process.

Earlier this year Canada Post issued the stamp cards featuring all 24 players from Canada Post's four-year NHL All-Star stamp series. They were sized to match other hockey cards on the collectibles market. The cards are randomly inserted in packs of six, plus a checklist, for \$9.99, taxes extra. As a bonus, a total of 100 cards autographed by Jean Beliveau, Guy Lafleur, Bobby Hull and Glenn Hall have been randomly inserted into the packs.

After purchasing five packs from Canada Post via its Antigonish, N.S. ordering centre at the time of issue and four more packs at the Canada Post booth at the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada convention at Hanover, Ont., May 31, I've only been able to complete one of the four sets of six. And none of the autographed cards were in the packs purchased. But one of the packs bought at the Hanover event yielded the Lafleur/Morenz error card. And as a bonus, all the Hanover-purchased packs were sold at a 15% discount! ♣



Hockey card: Guy Lafleur



Hockey card: Howie Morenz



Hockey card: Guy Lafleur image with Howie Morenz postage stamp

It seems like Yesterday — 50 Years ago

The year 2003 marks the 50th anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. According to the Who are We? sidebar on the second page of each *Corgi Times* newsletter, as “the Elizabethan II Study Group ... we study all aspects of Canadian philately during the Elizabethan era”.

Here is a look back at 50 years ago in Canadian philately...

1953 was a mildly busy stamp year, at least compared to 1952. Four commemoratives were issued in 1953 with a total face value of 13¢! (1952 saw only three commemoratives with a face value of only 11¢). Also issued in 1953 was a set of low-value definitives featuring the new Queen — the very short-lived *Karsh* definitives, based on a portrait prepared by Yosuf Karsh of Ottawa.

The 1953 Commemoratives



2¢ Polar Bear
Apr 1/53



3¢ Moose
Apr 1/53



4¢ Bighorn Sheep
Apr 1/53



4¢ Coronation
Jun 1/53

The values might be different, but the *subjects* are still the same even today. Our current \$2 definitive features the Polar Bear, a new \$5 Moose definitive is due out at the end of 2003, and a 50th anniversary Coronation stamp was released in June! What goes around, comes around?

Each stamp was engraved in a single colour, printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company in sheets of 400 subjects and released to post office in panes of 100 stamps. The Coronation issue had four different plate numbers; the other three values had two plate numbers each. Each plate produced about 25 million stamps for a total of about 100 million Coronation and 50 million of the other values. That is a far cry from today's average of only 3 million stamps per issue.

Each stamp has a 'hidden' date of 1953. All but the 2¢ Polar Bear also have an 'H' inscribed in the design to indicate the stamp designer: Emanuel Hahn. John Crosby was the designer of the Polar Bear.

The 2¢ Polar Bear met the third class rate for 0–2oz.; the 3¢ Moose met the local first class letter rate for 0–1oz., and the 4¢ Bighorn Sheep and 4¢ Coronation stamps met the forward first class letter rate for 0–1oz. ♣

Definitions:

Local: letters mailed and delivered from the same post office and includes the rural routes served by the same post office.

Forward: non-local letters.

This culling by destination was in affect until November 1, 1968 when the first-class letter rate became standard to anywhere in Canada.

Scott 2004 Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue

Scott Publishing Co. has released their Scott 2004 Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue Volume 2. This features the countries of the world that begin with C–F, including Canada.

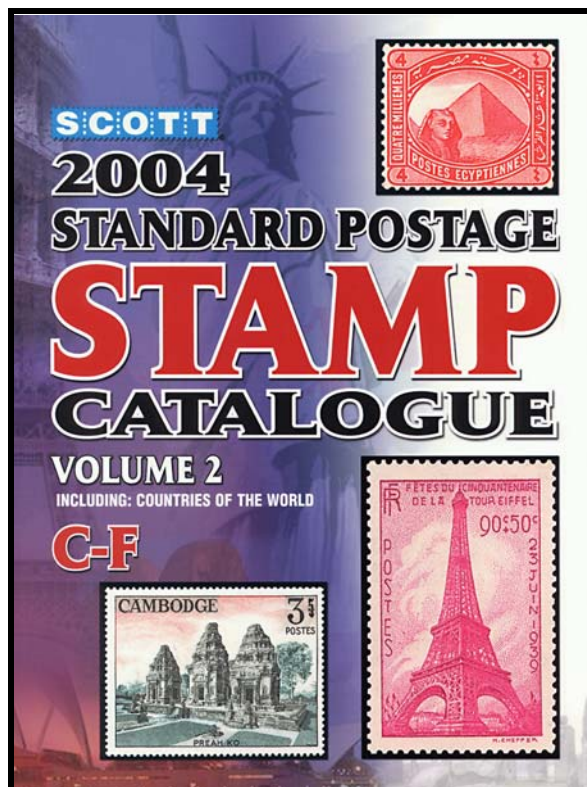
Of interest to us Elizabethan collectors are the *Number Additions, Deletions & Changes* noted on page 1210. New numbers assigned in this edition to new varieties of earlier issued stamps are 1165d and 1683a

New Scott numbers in 2004 catalogue:

- < **1165d** is a “double impression of all litho colors except black” on the 38¢ Houses of Parliament definitive, priced at US\$190.00
- < **1683a** is an “imperf pair” of the 47¢ Queen Elizabeth II definitive that has been inadvertently priced at US\$5.00 in the catalogue (should be more like *US\$500.00*).

The *Scott* catalogue is not cheap (US\$49.99), stamp prices are in US\$, only a ‘simplified’ list of Canadian stamps is presented (unlike the *Unitrade* catalogue). Other than that, it is an invaluable reference catalogue for worldwide collectors here in North America!

As an aside, if you are a collector of the Small Queens, take note that Sc # 37 has been changed to 37c and # 37c was changed to 37. ♣



Scott 2004 Volume 2 catalogue

Tagging Varieties

While discussing tagging varieties with Leopold Beaudet awhile back (seems like yesterday but it is probably closer to four months ago!), Leopold mentioned a tagging variety on the 8¢ Winnipeg Centennial stamp issued May 3, 1974.

It turns out that there are *two* different widths of tagging bars on this issue. There is a narrower (3mm) variety which is common. A more scarce 3.75mm variety is also available.

I have several single selvage pieces (left and right) that clearly show the different tag widths. Single stamps are also very easy to differentiate. Another difference between the two tag widths is apparent from top and bottom selvage examples from field stock — the wide tag variety passes entirely through the selvage whereas the narrow tag does not (this is based on a dozen or so examples that I have).

I have gone through the 779 used stamps that we have here. Of these 683 are narrow tag and 96 are wide tag (or about 12 per 100). A visit to my local stamp dealer confirms that the wide variety is quite scarce. They had a couple of mint blocks of four from about three dozen blocks. From my experience only field stock exhibits the wide tag variety. All philatelic pieces (ie. inscription blocks) are the more common narrow tagging.

This isn't the first time that different widths of tagging have been reported on the same Canadian stamp, but it is the first one that I can recall hearing about on a commemorative issue. ♣



8¢ Winnipeg Centennial